



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 14.

RECKLESSNESS of assertion has long since become a proverbial characteristic of republicanism, but no more glaring example of it was ever afforded than that recently exhibited by Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, when he stood up in the U. S. Senate and boldly affirmed that the laws of the United States do not prohibit the State of Mississippi from imposing an educational qualification upon its voters, and that the laws of Louisiana provide for the punishment of white men who associate with negroes and for the sale of lazy negroes to their old masters. But never was such recklessness more strikingly exposed than on the occasion referred to, when Senator George, of Mississippi, read from the U. S. statutes the prohibition referred to, and when Mr. Eustis, of Louisiana, with his attractive French accent, mildly remarked that there was not the slightest foundation for what Mr. Hoar had said in reference to the laws of his State, and that any pretense that there was, only illustrated with what destination of sense of responsibility republican Senators speak of southern affairs. A man more regardless of his personal honor would have apologized to the Senate for his detected attempt at deception, but Mr. Hoar's effrontery is equal to the recklessness of his words, and instead of doing so, he attempted to extricate himself from what, to a man of nice feeling would have been a terrible predicament, by vain and ridiculous quibbling. And Mr. Hoar in the U. S. Senate is Daniel Webster's successor. How have the mighty fallen!

THERE is a popular belief to the effect that this is a free and equal country, at least to the extent that the respective States thereof are free and equal. But that such a belief is totally erroneous, and that the States are not free and equal, are proved by the fact that while the State of Massachusetts is allowed to impose an educational qualification upon her voters, the U. S. statutes prohibit the State of Virginia from doing so. But the strangest thing about this fact is that at least half the members of the United States Senate, the highest branch of the legislative department of the government, were not aware of it until so informed by Mr. George day before yesterday. The law makers of this country are anything else than Solons.

SENATOR SHERMAN, the chief agent in the fraud by which the vote of Louisiana was stolen in 1876, and the white people of that State denied the privilege of their rightful majority, now, thirteen years after, threatens the white people of the entire South with a law that will put them under negro rule. The worst of this threat is the fact that its execution will probably be attempted, as the republicans now have control of every branch of the government, legislative, judicial and executive, and will do any thing that will gratify their hate for the people whose lot was cast in this section of country. Their hate is the patent tribute they pay to better people, but as it has power he hind it, it is really dangerous.

ONE of the daily newspapers of Washington, all now republican, is opposed to the proposed attempt of the negroes to make Oklahoma a negro State, and says: "We have too many black States for the country's good already." No body at all acquainted with the nature of the American people ever supposed the attempt referred to would succeed, but there isn't a reasonable southern man who doesn't sincerely desire it may, for then, northern people would have afforded them an object lesson of negro character that they could learn, and that would teach them to entertain a better opinion of their white fellow citizens of the South who have so far been able to preserve the States of this section from negro domination.

IN REPLY to a communication in another column on the subject of the State debt, it may be said that the U. S. Supreme Court, in former decisions, in which similar questions were involved, has avoided the obstruction of the 11th amendment to the Constitution, which declares that a State shall not be sued, by treating the officers of the State who attempt to execute State laws impairing the obligation of contracts, not as public officials engaged in the lawful performance of their duty, but as private offenders trespassing upon the constitutional rights of others. And this theory will probably govern the court in its forthcoming decision in the Virginia coupon cases.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the ALEX. GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14, 1890.

Appearances to-day are more favorable to the confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Strother as postmaster at Warrenton than they were yesterday. It is learned that this change was produced by the apparent disinclination of Strother's opponents to accept his proposition to test his acceptability to the people of the town by a vote of the citizens thereof. The nomination of Mr. Sullivan as postmaster at Harrisonburg, which has been held up for some time in the postoffice committee of the Senate at the request of Judge Paul, U. S. judge of the western district of Virginia, will, it is understood, soon be confirmed, as the republican members of the committee seem to think the Judge is the only man in Harrisonburg who opposes the confirmation, and are not disposed to allow his wishes to outweigh those of all the other residents of the town. A delegation of republicans from Shenandoah county, Va., consisting of

Messrs. Shaffer, McCuen, Kennedy and Clem, Jr., arrived here this morning to try to have the commission of Mrs. Jones, as postmaster at the Abingdon postoffice, revoked. The nomination of the Abingdon postmaster is also held up, as the charges brought against the democratic incumbent have been refused, and an inspector has been sent there to investigate others subsequently brought.

The House ways and means committee have agreed to let the duty on woolen manufactures remain at its present high rate, and to increase that on low grade raw wool to 31 cents a pound.

Senator Higgins' bill, introduced to-day in the Senate, to establish a circuit Court of Appeals, provides that the court shall consist of three judges, who shall receive a salary of \$8,000 a year, and the terms of the court are to be held in the several judicial districts. It shall have final jurisdiction of all cases arising in district and circuit courts except where constitutional questions are involved. In cases of patents and copyright, a review of the whole controversy may be had by the Supreme Court.

Gen. Mahone is expected here to-day or to-morrow. Mr. John Popham, Jr., U. S. commercial agent at Panama, arrived here this morning on a short visit to his family. There is no doubt of the reliability of the report, referred to in this correspondence of yesterday, of the offer of the B. & O. R. R. company to supply the parties trying to restore the C. & O. canal to navigable condition, with all the money that may be required for that purpose.

Mr. M. S. Weidley, of Page county, Virginia, the only southern clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Senate, though a republican, and not a kisser at the last election in his State, was removed to-day, but it is understood, has been promised another place.

The House District of Columbia Committee at its meeting to-day determined to report a bill granting a charter to a company to build an electric railroad from Connecticut avenue out as far as Red Top, ex President Cleveland's former country residence; also to compel all the street railroad companies in this city to give transfers at their crossings.

The House committee on the election of the President and Vice President will so amend the McCombs bill as to make the certificate of the local election boards, and not that of the Governor of the State, the paper which the clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives must accept as his warrant for entering the names of members on the roll of the House. This is to offset the new Ohio bill, which authorizes the Governor to issue the requisite certificate. The committee will also report a bill providing that national elections be held on the Australian plan, so modified, however, as to secure the solid negro vote of the South for the republican ticket.

The House elections committee to-day heard arguments in the contested election case of Miller, negro, vs. Elliott, from South Carolina. The argument for the contestant was made by "blocks of five" Dudley, who pleaded for the election, and Miller, a negro, with long English whiskers, who smoked a long cigar. General Hutton appeared as counsel for the contestant.

It is reported that the confirmation of the nominations of Messrs. Brady and McCaul as collectors of internal revenue, by the Senate yesterday, was made without opposition, and that Senator Edmunds was specially interested in McCaul's behalf.

## The Methodist Conference.

The Baltimore annual conference of the M. E. Church South, in session in Baltimore yesterday heard presiding elders' reports and transacted other business.

In the calling of the characters of the superannuated and supernumerary preachers, Rev. Nelson Head, of Leesburg, who in point of service has but three seniors in the conference, answered to his name and spoke of his 56 years of ecclesiastical service. He was now 80 years old, he said, and 52 of these had been spent in the active traveling work of the ministry. The saddest day of his life was when he left the effective ranks and took the superannuated relation.

When Rev. Mr. Head had taken his seat, Bishop Duncan, without saying a word started up the ringing old Methodist hymn: "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord." The whole congregation joined in the singing, after which Bishop Duncan told how Dr. Head had helped him when he was a young man, and of the benefits that he had received from his association with the venerable preacher.

The deaths of Gilsan Mauzy, of Fauquier county, and L. C. Miller, of Harrisonburg, were announced, and their names were referred to the committee on memoirs.

Andrew Robey, of Edinburg, was reported to be dying. He entered the conference in 1860, but had been a local preacher for many years before he was admitted. He was the father of 21 children, and 20 of these had been born when he entered the ministry. Eccentric and peculiar as he was, he was known and loved by the people through out the Valley of Virginia, where most of his appointments were located. He was superannuated at the 1885 session of the conference.

The following superannuated clergymen asked a continuance in that relation, and it was referred to the committee on superannuated ministers: Revs. Francis M. Mills, George Stevenson, Henry Hoffman, John Targue, Nelson Head, Wesley Hammond, John W. Evan, Robert Smith, Andrew Robey, William Hedges, Presley B. Smith and Edw. E. Hetrick.

Bishop Duncan called the question "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" The following were then elected: Thomas J. Lambert, William H. Ballengee, Christopher Sydenstricker, Samuel A. Parker. They will be ordained on Sunday. The following young ministers were admitted on trial: John Wesley Beall, of the Baltimore district; William Thornton Gover, of the West River district; Wm. H. H. Joyce, of Piedmont district; Harry C. Feby, of Washington district; John S. Logg, of Winchester district; John L. Grant, of Winchester district; Wm. H. Marsh, of Winchester district; Isaac J. Mitchell, of Winchester district; John Henry Whitte, of Rockingham district; Charles Madison Scanlan, of Roanoke district.

THE MISSISSIPPI.—General Greely, Chief Signal Officer, regards the present condition of the Mississippi river as so serious that he warns the population threatened by the flood that it is prudent for them to remove themselves and their cattle to the highest ground within reach. General Greely made an interesting comparison of the flood with those of previous years—1858, 1868 and 1874. It seems that at most important points the water is now higher than it has been before, but the levees are also in better condition. Heavy rain was falling in the region southward from Vicksburg yesterday, but there is promise of fair weather in that region to-day and for some days to come.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The London Live Stock Association have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. C. S. Carter; 1st Vice President, Henry Fairfax; 2nd Vice President, John H. Alexander; Treasurer, N. S. Purcell; Secretary, H. C. Sellman. Board of Directors—E. F. Burch, J. L. McIntosh, E. B. Harrison, John W. Logan, George W. Holmes, B. F. Carter, Jr., Mort M. Thompson, J. B. Bevelly, John H. Titus, and J. R. Beuchler.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The board of agriculture yesterday considered the new fertilizer law.

The Maryland oyster navy reports that dredgers are becoming more troublesome.

The U. S. Senate yesterday appropriated \$100,000 for a public building at Salem. The Boston, the league base-ball team, will play at the University of Virginia Monday.

The steamer Mason L. Weems was sold in Baltimore yesterday to Mr. Samuel Holmes, of New York.

The snow along the Rio Grande Railroad, in the mountain passes of Colorado, is from forty to sixty feet deep.

Dirty Foot, a drunken Sioux, was burned to death in South Dakota yesterday for attempting to murder an old squaw.

The Mi-Careme ball, given by Mrs. White, Senator Sawyer's daughter, in Washington last night, was a brilliant social event.

By the mistake of a drug clerk in New York city yesterday, Mrs. J. B. McGuire was nearly killed, receiving digitalis for licorice powder.

Lydia Strahler, three years old, the daughter of Edward Strahler, was burned to death by setting fire to her clothing in Baltimore yesterday.

The Finance Commissioners of Baltimore yesterday received only an aggregate of \$137,000 bids for \$500,000 of the City Improvement loan at a figure over 102.

Mr. Joshua Hood, an old citizen of Maryland and one of the committee appointed to receive Lafayette on his visit to this country in 1824, died in Baltimore yesterday.

Two maiden sisters, aged thirty-three and thirty-five, respectively, were found dead in their home, near Concordia, Kan., yesterday having, it is supposed, committed suicide.

Brief Masonic funeral ceremonies were held in Washington last night over the remains of Mr. Taulbee, and the body was taken to Mount Sterling, Ky., for interment.

The Mormon missionaries who have been operating in the mountain counties of West Virginia have departed after collecting a considerable sum in tithes from the converts.

The Pope has chosen a design for his tomb. It will be of white marble, with a figure of himself leaning on a sepulchral urn, and colossal statues of religion and justice on either side.

The U. S. Senate in secret session yesterday confirmed the nominations of J. D. Brady, collector of internal revenue for the second district of Virginia; and P. H. McCaul, sixth district of Virginia.

From Pano, southern Peru, comes a horrible story of an encounter between two political factions, in which drunken Indians pillaged many houses and murdered one hundred men and women.

The levees at New Orleans was broken yesterday afternoon and water from the Mississippi river rapidly overflowed the lower section of the city. A large fire also broke out and destroyed several buildings.

It is said that Eva Hamilton, the wife of Ray Hamilton, who palmed off a bogus child on her husband, and who stabbed her maid, Mrs. Donnelly, will be released, by pardon, within a week, from the New Jersey State prison.

A diamond stud belonging to J. Frank Armstrong, which he pawned and which closely resembled one stolen from a Baltimorean, lead to Armstrong's arrest in Philadelphia yesterday to answer a charge of embezzling ten thousand dollars.

Joshua W. Johns, who three years ago was buried for three days and two nights and survived, died in Baltimore yesterday from consumption, caused by a cold contracted at that time. He was 58 years old. Johns, with other laborers, were at work in an iron ore bank in Baltimore county when the earth above them caved in, burying them.

The trial of the Blair Lynchers was finished at Whitehall, Wis., yesterday, and the jury last night returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree against Mrs. Oleson, Oleson, and Olesetto. The two first named were the wife and son, respectively, of Oleson, who was dragged from his bed and hanged by a mob last November. About thirty other persons who took part in the outrage pleaded guilty to riot, and were fined \$100 each.

The charity ball given Wednesday evening in the great dining hall of the Hotel Ponce de Leon, at St. Augustine, Fla., in aid of the new hospital, was a brilliant success. Between four and five hundred people from all parts of the country were present. The palace hotel, dazzlingly illuminated with its beautiful court and garden glowing with a myriad of colored lights, looked like a slice of fairyland. Two orchestras stationed in alcove balconies over the ballroom floor furnished continuous music for dancing. A sumptuous supper was served during the evening.

In the United States Senate, yesterday, Mr. Eustis corrected some statements made the previous day by Mr. Hoar in regard to Louisiana. Mr. Sherman then asked Mr. Eustis some questions, and the result was a heated political controversy on the treatment of the negroes in the South, in which Senator Sherman, Eustis and Butler were the leading participants. Mr. Eustis charged with Hoar with recklessness and destitution of all sense of responsibility in speaking of southern affairs. The House passed the bill for the organization of Oklahoma into a territory by a vote of 163 to 25.

THE CULPEPER SCHOOL AFFAIR.—From information obtained from an entirely reliable source the GAZETTE of the 6th instant published an account of an incident that recently took place in a female institute in Culpeper. The paragraph, however, giving an account of the unfortunate affair may have been misleading and unintentionally the writer may have done injustice to one, at least, of the young ladies concerned. To correct any wrong impression that may have been made we cheerfully publish the following, which was received at this office yesterday:

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

The item of news from Culpeper about the female seminary recently published in the GAZETTE is misleading. The young lady whose room was so improperly invaded was of impeccable character. Though her treatment was not nearly so bad as would be inferred it aroused the indignation of all good citizens. She did not accuse her fellow student of theft but several times being a sufferer, as others were, refused three times to state voluntarily whom she suspected, but upon positive orders from her teacher in perfect privacy and confidence revealed her thoughts only when ordered to do so by one she was taught to obey. Her conduct in an apologizing under threats and her noble efforts to keep from implicating her friends receive the highest commendation. The expulsion and forced resignation of others and apologies of as many as were allowed to do so, and she not being expelled, is a complete vindication of her. Innocence and ladyship may be overcome by superior force but cannot be compelled to give an abject apology, even to misguided pupils upon whom alone must rest the opprobrium. Let all good people hold up their hands and support the noble head of the school who has so well depicted herself in her trying ordeal.

CITIZEN.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Few cattle are in the neighborhood of Delaplane, Fauquier county.

Mr. Hiram N. Tavenner, an old citizen of Loudoun county, died Wednesday, aged 83 years.

A Fredericksburger recently bought one of his own notes, given during the war, as a souvenir.

There is talk of Williamsburg memorializing Congress to build a monument to Peyton Randolph.

A son of Mr. J. S. Mason, of Fauquier county, has gone to Birmingham, Ala., to engage in business.

As heretofore stated, Armour & Co. will test before the Federal Court the dressed meat inspection bill passed by the Legislature.

Col. Burgwyn telegraphs from Paris to Richmond, that he has accepted Mercie's statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee, and that it is magnificent.

Mrs. Elizabeth Oakley, relic of the late John Oakley, died at her residence in Fredericksburg on Tuesday, in the 80th year of her age.

Judge Diggs has made no appointment of a meat inspector for Lynchburg, but has about made up his mind to await the testing of the legality of the act under proceedings expected to be introduced by Armour & Co.

The Episcopal Church at Aldie, in Loudoun county, is now completed. It was built last year at the cost of \$1,600. When the seats are finished, and the furniture for the chancel is gotten, it will be ready for use.

At Lexington yesterday a verdict of acquittal was rendered in the case of James Miller, charged with the murder of Mrs. Dr. Z. J. Walker in the Brownsburg homicide, November 8, 1889. The verdict was received with applause.

A colored man calling himself Robert Mercer, hailing from New York, and well attired in a Prince Albert coat, silk hat, and wearing green goggles, was arrested in Lynchburg yesterday for passing counterfeit silver money, with which he seemed to be well stocked.

Mr. W. J. Mann, who lives at Bowlingbrook, Fauquier county, got five loads of salt Saturday an inch and a quarter thick. Having gotten some ice during the freeze in January, he has his houses two thirds full, while many people have never gotten a particle this whole winter.

The residence of Charles Sullivan, in Stafford county, was burned to the ground on Tuesday, and everything in the house was a total loss. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan were away from home when a twelve year old son came in from school, lighted a torch and went up stairs to find a pair of boots. A pile of broom straw caught fire, the boy became frightened and ran away to inform his father without making any effort to extinguish the flames.

Mr. Sol Haas, traffic manager of the Southern Associated Railways, has resigned in order to give his entire time to the Richmond and Danville lines. He will remove his office from the associated lines' building to the Richmond and Danville building, in Richmond. Mr. R. D. Carpenter, who has been Mr. Haas' chief clerk, has been appointed the head of the traffic office of the associated railways, with the title of commissioner. The associated railways will not be dissolved. These changes will go into effect about the 1st of April.

A terrible accident occurred in the upper end of Spotsylvania county yesterday evening, which resulted in the burning to death of the fourteen year old daughter of Mrs. Emma Graves, and the fatal burning of her grandmother, Mrs. Hugh Dickinson. The child's dress caught fire from the fireplace, and in her frenzy she threw herself upon her grandmother. There was no one but the two present at the time, and Mrs. Dickinson being an invalid could not give an alarm. Later when Mrs. Graves returned home, she found her daughter dead and her mother dying.

## Court of Appeals Yesterday.

Dooley against Baynes. From the Circuit Court of Pittsylvania county. Affirmed. Judge Lewis delivering the opinion. Judges Fauntleroy and Hinton dissenting.

Miller Jones against the Commonwealth. From the County Court of Smyth county. Affirmed. Judge Lacy delivering the opinion.

Meem against Dalany. From the Circuit Court of Shenandoah county. Reversed. Judge Fauntleroy delivering opinion.

Heerman's trustee against Montague. From the Circuit Court of Montgomery county. Affirmed. Judge Richardson delivering opinion.

Wheeler against the Commonwealth. From the Circuit Court of the county of Brunswick. Affirmed. Judge Hinton delivering opinion.

Spurgeon against the Commonwealth. From the Circuit Court of Russell county. Reversed. Judge Lewis delivering the opinion.

Wilson against Commonwealth. From the Circuit Court of Henry county. Affirmed. Judge Lacy delivering opinion.

Kira against Champion Iron Company. Rehearing denied.

Castleman against Berry. Rehearing denied.

David and wife against Strange's executor. Further argued by Maj. T. J. Kirkpatrick and submitted.

William E. Garrett, eq., allowed to practice in this court.

Carter against Hough, Gray & Co. Argued by William E. Garrett, eq., for appellant.

## The State Debt.

HICKORY GROVE, Mar. 12.

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

You have very courteously published my article and in the same spirit replied to it. I must now ask you (if not trespassing upon your space too much) to allow me to make it a little more explicit. When an individual carries his case before the Supreme Court, it is to get redress or test the constitutionality of the law that deprived him of his property. The court in deciding that a State could annul a contract with an individual, saw that if it decided otherwise it might in some instances stop the wheels of State Government. I therefore think that the coupons though receivable for taxes would come under the same decision. The State might by some unenforced accident lose its asylums, penitentiary or other public buildings and need all its taxes in money to rebuild them. Now the court has said in the Louisiana case that the State must be the sole judge of right or wrong, and I therefore think the court should not judge the merits of the case but should disclaim jurisdiction. In the Louisiana case the State used the money that she expressly levied for the benefit of her creditors, for other purposes, and the court took no cognizance of the fact but only disclaimed jurisdiction. Now I really think that the cases are virtually the same. Yours, respectfully,

GEO. B. TYLER.

It formerly seemed a sort of sarcasm to say: "It's better to laugh than to be sighing!"—especially when a fellow had a vexing, teasing cough—but now that all the druggists sell Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup anybody can laugh and get fat.



## ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

## Proceedings of Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 14.

## SENATE.

The House amendment to Senate bill to amend the charter of the Eckington and Soldiers' Home R. R. Co. was taken up and discussed, Messrs. Vest and Hale arguing against the permission of overhead wires as dangerous to life, and Mr. Harris asserting that a force of 500 volts (which was sufficient for motive power) was innocuous. The bill was debated at length.

## HOUSE.

Mr. Henderson, of Iowa, presented for reference resolutions of the General Assembly of Iowa favoring such legislation in regard to car coupling as will protect the life and limbs of railroad employees.

Mr. Perkins, of Kansas, stated that an erroneous impression had gone out that according to the provisions of the Oklahoma bill passed yesterday the Cherokee outlet had been declared open to settlement under the homestead laws. Under the provisions of the bill, he said, the Cherokee outlet was not open to settlement.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole (Mr. Allen, of Michigan, in the chair) on the private calendar.

## Foreign News.

PARIS, Mar. 14.—The adverse action of the Senate yesterday on Prime Minister Tirard's demand in regard to the commercial treaty with Turkey, has caused the downfall of the entire ministry. The Senate by a majority of 65 refused to adopt M. Tirard's motion which was tantamount to a refusal to vote confidence in the government. After the meeting was over Mr. Tirard tendered the resignation of all his cabinet.

PARIS, Mar. 14.—M. de Freycinet, Minister of War in M. Tirard's cabinet, will probably form a new ministry. It is rumored that Constans, who recently resigned from the ministry of the interior, and M. Ridoi will have portfolios in the new ministry. It is also understood that Admiral Barbey, Minister of Marine, M. Faye, Minister of Agriculture, and M. Fallou, Minister of Public Instruction, will remain in the cabinet.

PARIS, Mar. 14.—President Carnot held a consultation with M. Floquet this afternoon. It is believed in some quarters that M. Floquet will be asked to form a cabinet.

DUBLIN, Mar. 14.—The Right Hon. Richard Dawse, of the High Court of Justice, in Ireland, died suddenly to-day.

LONDON, Mar. 14.—Viscount Dunlop, who was married a short time ago to Belle Bilton, a music hall singer, has brought an action for divorce against her.

LONDON, Mar. 14.—A St. Petersburg dispatch says the Russian government is doing its best to offset needed reforms in its prisons.

## Methodist Conference.

BALTIMORE, March 14.—The Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South continued its work this morning. Rev. Samuel Rodgers opened the session with prayer. Messrs. William M. Waters, of Marshall, Va.; Charles K. Milliken, of Charlottesville, Va.; William F. Locke, of Springfield, W. Va.; John Kerna, of Free dom, Md.; Carlton B. Harrison, of Unleson, Va.; Charles Stanton, of Hillsboro, Md., all ministers on trial, were elected deacons. Rev. R. P. Hamilton, chairman of the committee that conducted the examination of these candidates said there was an evident lack of earnestness in their preparation and the candidates seemed to think they could get through any way. He made the statement for the benefit of young preachers who may apply for admission in the future. Rev. J. K. Gilbert, of Monterey, Rockingham district, was re-admitted to the conference.

## The Mississippi.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 14.—The rain storm of the past four days in the lower Mississippi valley has ended, but there are no encouraging prospects for any portion of the valley. It is believed that the river must continue at its present high stage from Nashville southward for at least a week, and the prospects are that the greatest flood ever known will obtain during the next seven days.

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 14.—The levee at Nita Plantation, above New Orleans, broke last night, and in less than two hours the break was 25 feet wide. The latest reports from the upper levees indicate that a general overflow in Louisiana and the lower Yazoo delta may be expected.

## The Overflow at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 14.—The gauge at 7:30 a. m. read 16 feet 6-10, a fall of four tenths from the highest point reached yesterday afternoon. The streets are free of water along the river front except at St. Peter's street, and there the flow will soon be stopped. It rained slowly all night and is drizzling this morning.

A SPANISH MURDER.—In Panama on the night of February 26 a beautiful, but frail, senorita was making her way homeward. As she crossed into the shadow of the Church of St. Ana a report started the people about, and the girl fell dead. A crowd instantly gathered, and the assassin's escape was prevented. The man was rather defiant when taken to the station. He said the woman was false to him, hence the act, and he would do it again had it to be done over. People are not so energetic in this somewhat land as to lynch anybody, but no pity is likely to be shown when the slow machinery of the law has run its course and the murderer stands in front of a firing party on Chirique plaza.

A LARGE SEA-DOG KILLED.—The Cape Charles Pioneer says: A large sea-dog about six feet long was killed on Cobb's Island by the life saving crew last Thursday. Mr. George Cobb, son of Warren Cobb, was on duty, and noticed something uncommon in the water. He whistled and the dog followed him until he was in sight of the life station. He called for help and at the same time fired, shooting the dog through the left eye. After he was wounded Mr. Jack Andrews, of the station, threw a line around his head and struck him a blow which at once killed him. He is of a lovely sea-brown color and very heavy. Capt. Crumb will skin and stuff him and have him on exhibition this summer.

## Telegraphic Brevities.

Andrew A. Holt, a noted smuggler and pirate, was fatally shot at Seattle last night while resisting arrest.

The miners' federation of London, has resolved to immediately inaugurate a strike throughout the country.

The posse which has been scouring the country for the supposed ravisher of Miss Atkinson, near Greenwood, Mo., have found no trace of the man and have abandoned the search.

The jury having been completed in the Black conspiracy case yesterday the trial of the cause was begun in New York to-day. The courtroom was thronged.

More or less damage to the wheat crop by freezing is reported from Illinois. The peach crop is ruined: apples and cherries are safe but peaches are injured.

Isaac Sawtelle, charged with the murder of his brother at Rochester, N. H., was to-day committed without bail to await the action of the grand jury.

In New York this morning John Neill, a drummer, cut his throat with a carving knife.

Mr. Clarence Hunting, the well known lumber dealer of Baltimore, died this morning.

The old laboratory building, in Salem, Mass., was burned to-day.

The meat inspection fees, which were paid in Richmond yesterday under protest, amounted to a little more than \$140.

A well known citizen of Wetherbyville, Md., Mr. W. R. GRAVES, writes: I suffer sometimes with acute rheumatism and your Salvation Oil gives me instantaneous relief, and I recommend it as a sure cure for this terrible disease.

SHILOH'S CURE will immediately relieve Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis. E. S. Leadbeater & Bro., agents.

Bowels irregular and constipated, resulting in piles, avoided by taking Simmons' Liver Regulator.

Voltaire affirms that the massacre of St. Bartholomew was primarily due to the utter incapacity of the King to digest his food. Poor King, he had no Stonebraker's Stomach Bitters to eradicate his indigestion. 50 cents a bottle.

You don't have to continue dosing with Simmons' Liver Regulator. Often a little cures effectually.

FOR DYSPEPSIA and Liver Complaint you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. It never fails to cure. E. S. Leadbeater & Bro., agents.

A Safe Investment Is one which is guaranteed to bring you satisfactory results, or in case of failure a return of purchase price. On this safe plan you